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SUBJECT: MTN CONSULTATIONS WITH CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES

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1. EMBOFF CONVEYED TO VICE MINISTER-DESIGNATE
JORGE CORRALES OF MINISTRY OF ECONOMY, INDUSTRY AND
COMMERCE (MEIC) THE DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL FOR A WORKING
LEVEL MEETING ON MTN IN GUATEMALA ON MAY 15. CORRALES INDI-
CATED INTEREST BUT SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO OBTAIN APPROVAL OF
MINISTER-DESIGNATE FERNANDO ALTMANN. SUBSEQUENTLY,
CORRALES INFORMED EMBASSY THAT NEW GOVERNMENT (WHICH
TAKES OFFICE MAY 8) WOULD PARTICIPATE IN SUCH A MEETING
IF IT CAN BE ARRANGED. IF JOINT CACM MEETING IS NOT
FEASIBLE, MEIC OFFICIALS (INCLUDING CORRALES) WOULD LIKE
TO MEET ON A DISCREET BASIS WITH ASSISTANT STR STEPHEN LANDE ON
MAY 15 IN SAN JOSE. CORRALES STATED THAT NEW GOVERNMENT IS MOST
INTERESTED IN LOWERING LEVELS OF INTERNAL CONSUMPTION
TAXES ON SOME IMPORTED GOODS AND BELIEVES SUCH REDUCTIONS
MIGHT INTEREST U.S. IN ADDITION, CORRALES INFORMED
US THAT NEW GOVERNMENT WILL STRIVE FOR MORE ECONOMIC
EFFICIENT, LESS PROTECTIVE TARIFFS WITH CACM. FYI
PRESIDENT-ELECT CARAZO TOOK SIMILAR POSITION IN
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PRIVATE MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR AND OTHER EMBOFFS
AND ALSO POINTED OUT THAT MATTER WOULD BE HANDLED ON
A PRIORITY BASIS. END FYI.

2. COMMENT. CORRALES IS A HARD-CHARGING, DYNAMIC,
SELF-STYLED FREE-TRADER OF THE FRIEDMAN SCHOOL.
POLITICAL REALITIES MAY TEMPER SOME OF HIS THEORETICAL

INCLINATIONS BUT HE WILL BE A FORCE FOR LIBERALIZED
TRADE WITHIN THE GOCR AND CACM.
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